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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, the following remarks are submitted. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.